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RAJYA SABHA

SI. No.	States	2004	2005
27	Uttaranchal	988	786
28	West Bengal	11047	11887
	Total (States)	150301	150814
29	A & N Islands	27	22
30	Chandigarh	188	205
31	D&N Haveli	22	24
32	Daman & Diu	7	10
33	Delhi	3677	4351
34	Lakshadweep	1	0
35	Pondicherry	110	127
	Total (UTs)	4032	4739
	Total (All-India)	154333	155553

Source: Crime in India-NCRB Publication

ILO report on economic growth in Asia

*215. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to a recent report of International Labour Organisation, economic growth in Asia has meant longer working hours, lower pay and fewer jobs in this region; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) According to the recent ILO report titled "Decent work in Asia: Reporting on Results 2001—05" published in 2006, since 2001, economic growth in Asia has been by far the most rapid in the world. However, employment and labour market conditions remain major challenges.

(b) According to the national income data released by the Central Statistical Organization, India had recorded a growth of 8.4% in Gross

Domestic Product at factor cost in 2005-06 as compared to 7.5% in 2004-05. The Government is placing emphasis on upgradation of skills and on vocational training to improve the employability and levels of productivity of the workers. In order to improve labour market conditions, review/updation of labour laws is undertaken continuously to bring them in tune with the emerging needs of the economy.

Legislative Assembly for Andaman and Nicobar Islands

†*216. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the representatives of Andaman and Nicobar Islands have demanded for creation of Legislative Assembly, on the lines of Pondicherry;
- (b) whether it is fact that many Parliamentary Committees have also recommended constitution of Legislative Assembly in Andaman and Nicobar;
- (c) if so, whether Government have taken any decision for constitution of Legislative Assembly in Andaman and Nicobar; and
- (d) if so, by when the Legislative Assembly would be constituted there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Home Affairs, in its 121st Report on Administration of Union Territories, has recommended setting up of a Legislative Assembly in Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Time frame can not be given.

Employment opportunity in rural areas

*217. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI:

SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 861 given in the Rajya Sabha on 29th November, 2006 and state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.